

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display generating device configured to generate signals for a graphical display device, comprising a processor for modifying an image by spotlighting a region of the image relative to its surroundings using a trackable spotlight which is slideably movable about the image, wherein an object within said surroundings is visible, wherein said image includes a plurality of objects and wherein said trackable spotlight is slideably movable within the image to move the spotlight region to permit selection of one of the objects of the image that falls within the spotlight region, wherein objects within said surroundings are also visible in addition to the object in the spotlight region.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spotlight region is brighter than its surroundings.

3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spotlight region is a different color from its surroundings.

4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein a first object within said spotlight region has a relatively high contrast against said spotlight region and a

second object within said surroundings has a relatively low contrast against said surroundings.

5. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein a first object within said spotlight region is in sharper focus than a second object within said surroundings.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the spotlight is locatable so as to enclose partly or wholly a functional display region so as to permit selection thereof.

7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the spotlight has a diffuse boundary.

8. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the spotlight is substantially circular.

Claim 9 (Canceled without prejudice or disclaimer).

10. (Original) A multimedia network terminal including a device according to claim 1.

11. (Original) A multimedia network terminal according to claim 10, which is an internet-enabled digital television set top box.

12. (Currently Amended) A method, in a display generating device configured to generate signals for a graphical display device, of operating the device, the method comprising modifying an image by spotlighting a region of the image relative to its surroundings using a trackable spotlight which is slideably movable about the image, wherein an object within said surroundings is visible, wherein said image includes a plurality of objects and wherein said trackable spotlight is slideably movable within the image to move the spotlight region to permit selection of one of the objects of the image that falls within the spotlight region, wherein objects within said surroundings are also visible in addition to the object in the spotlight region.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program comprising computer code to make a computer configured to generate signals for a graphical display device execute procedure to modify an image by spotlighting a region of the image relative to its surroundings using a trackable spotlight which is slideably movable about the image, wherein an object within said surroundings is visible, wherein said image includes a plurality of objects and wherein said trackable spotlight is slideably movable within the image to move the spotlight region to permit selection of one of the objects of the image that falls within the spotlight region, wherein objects within said surroundings are also visible in additional to the object in the spotlight region.

14. (Currently Amended) A display generating device configured to generate signals for a graphical display device, comprising a processor configured to modify an image by spotlighting a region of the image relative to its surroundings using a trackable spotlight which is slideably movable about the image, wherein an

object within said surroundings is visible, wherein said image includes a plurality of objects and wherein said trackable spotlight is slideably movable within the image to move the spotlight region to permit selection of one of the objects of the image that falls within the spotlight region, wherein objects within said surroundings are also visible in addition to the object in the spotlight region.

15. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spotlight region has a focal point.

16. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 15, wherein said focal point is used to select an object.

17. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 15, wherein said focal point is used to select a hypertext link.

18. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1 configured to receive directional input and move said spotlight in dependence upon said directional input.

19. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein, said spotlight region appears relatively light and its surroundings appears relatively dark.

20. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 19, wherein a pixel intensity of said spotlight region decreases radially to a base level for said surroundings.

Claims 21-24 (Canceled without prejudice or disclaimer).

25. (New) A display generating device according to claim 1, wherein the spotlight region is graphically altered from its surroundings.

26. (New) A display generating device according to claim 12, wherein the spotlight region is graphically altered from its surroundings.

27. (New) A display generating device according to claim 13, wherein the spotlight region is graphically altered from its surroundings.

28. (New) A display generating device according to claim 14, wherein the spotlight region is graphically altered from its surroundings.